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SUBJECT: EPA OFFICIAL VISIT TO INSPECT JAPANESE MOTOR
VEHICLE MANUFACTURING PLANTS

REFERENCE: STATE 170196 OF 27 AUGUST 1973

1. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WISHES ADVISE EMBASSY,
AND ASKS EMBASSY INFORM JAPANESE GOVERNMENT THAT EPA
MOBILE SOURCE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION PERSONNEL PLAN TO
VISIT JAPANESE VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS SUBARU, NISSAN, AND
TOYOTA OCTOBER 25-31, AND NOVEMBER 1, 1974. PURPOSE OF
VISIT TO SUBARU OCT 31, NOV 1 IS TO (1) INSPECT MANU-
FACTURERS' FACILITIES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS
OF CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1970 AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED
THEREUNDER; (2) AUDIT MANUFACTURERS' RECORDS AND SUPPORTING
DATA TO DETERMINE THAT COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS
HAS BEEN MAINTAINED; (3) REVIEW QUALITY AND PRODUCT ASSUR-
ANCE METHODS OF MANUFACTURERS TO ASSURE ONLY CERTIFIED
VEHICLES BEING PRODUCED FOR EXPORT TO US. PURPOSE OF
FOLLOW-UP VISIT TO NISSAN OCT 25, 28 AND TOYOTA OCT 29, 30
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IS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR RECORDS ARE IN CONFORMITY WITH

RECORD KEEPING REGULATIONS PROMULGATED FEBRUARY 27, 1974.
INITIAL INSPECTION OF NISSAN AND TOYOTA, OF SAME TYPE
PLANNED FOR SUBARU, CARRIED OUT SEPTEMBER, 1973 (REFTEL).

2. EPA PERSONNEL VISITING WILL BE NORMAN J. HESS, CHIEF,
INSPECTION/ENFORCEMENT SECTION, AND STEVEN E. HOOVER,
THOMAS D. GETZ, AND JOEL CHALFIN, COMPLIANCE ENGINEERS.

3. REPRESENTATIVES FOR EACH MANUFACTURER IN US AND ABROAD
HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF VISIT AND HAVE AGREED TO ITINERARY
AND PURPOSE OF TRIP. FACTORY REPRESENTATIVES ARE: MR.
HIROSHI TAKAHASHI, MANAGING DIRECTOR, DESIGN DEPARTMENT,
NISSAN MOTOR COMPANY LTD., 6-1, DAIKOKU-CHO, TSURUMI-KU,
YOKOHAMA, 230; MR. MASAOKI NOGUCHI, SENIOR MANAGING
DIRECTOR, TOYOTA MOTOR COMPANY, LTD., 1 TOYOTA-CHO,
TOYOTA-SHI, AICHI-KEN, 471; AND MR. SHINROKU MOMSE,
DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER, SUBARU ENGINEERING DIVISION,
FUJI HEAVY INDUSTRIES LTD. SUBARU BLDG., 7-2, 1-CHROME,
NISHISHINJUKU, SHINJUKU, TOKYO.

4. IN ORDER TO MAKE INSPECTION OF EACH MANUFACTURER'S
FACILITIES MOST PRODUCTIVE, EMBASSY REQUESTED ARRANGE
ONE INTERPRETER FOR DURATION OF TRIP, IF POSSIBLE, FOR
THE DATES AND LOCATIONS OUTLINED IN PARA 1. INTERPRETER
WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENTS
AFFIRMING THAT ANY DISCUSSIONS DURING THE INSPECTION AND
ANYTHING HE MAY WITNESS IN OFFICIAL CAPACITY WILL BE
FOREVER MAINTAINED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. EPA REQUESTS
THAT MR. TED FUJII, WHO WAS EMPLOYED ON PREVIOUS TRIP, BE
CONTACTED FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES. IF UNAVAILABLE,
AND IF EMBASSY ATTACHED INTERPRETER ALSO UNAVAILABLE,
PLEASE ARRANGE PRIVATE INTERPRETER NOT AFFILIATED WITH
THE COMPANIES. TECHNICAL BACKGROUND PREFERRED. INTER-
PRETER SHOULD PROVIDE FOR OWN ACCOMMODATIONS. EMBASSY
SHOULD BILL EPA FOR INTERPRETER COSTS AS FOLLOWS:
APPROPRIATIONS NUMBER 6850106, COMMITMENT NUMBER A00155,
ACCOUNTING POINT 99.

5. PLEASE ADVISE EPA OF NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
OF INTERPRETER SO THAT HE CAN BE CONTACTED BY EPA RE-
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PRESENTATIVES UPON ARRIVAL, AND BE ADVISED OF NATURE OF
INSPECTION AND SPECIFIED DUTIES. EPA REP WILL WANT TO
MEET AT THEIR HOTEL WITH INTERPRETER EVENING PRIOR TO
VISITING FIRST MANUFACTURER.

6. TRAVEL, HOTEL RESERVATIONS, AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION
ALREADY ARRANGED. NO EMBASSY ASSISTANCE REQUIRED. HOTEL
AND ARRIVAL INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

7. EPA REPS AVAILABLE MEET WITH APPROPRIATE GOJ OFFICIALS
AFTERNOON OCT 24 TO DISCUSS INSPECTION ISSUES IF EMBASSY
DEEMS SUCH MEETING NECESSARY OR OF VALUE. KISSINGER

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